

**Appl. No. 09/870,965
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Reply to Office action of December 30, 2004**

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office action dated December 30, 2004, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1-11 and 14-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hauck et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,454); 2) rejected claims 1-6 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizoguchi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,939); and 3) rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hauck et al. and further in view of Frazier et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,665,758 B1).

With this Response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 14 and 21.

As amended, claim 1 now recites "a user configurable reset service that can be configured to reset the application without resetting the operating system, reset the operating system or perform a restart of the computer system." This provides the benefit of being able to have a configurable reset service located at a user mode that corrects for an application that has hung-up without having to go through a resetting of the operating system, as for example via a processor reset which takes time, perform a reset of the operating system or restart the computer system depending on how the user configures the reset service.

Both the Hauk and Mizoguchi et al. references, as well as the Frazier et al. reference, fail to teach or suggest a user mode located reset service that is configurable as recited above. Furthermore, as noted in col. 5, lines 17-19, "If at any point the program fails to restart the timer 48 before it expires, the watchdog circuit 47 will generate the reset signal 49 to reset the processor 41." Resetting the processor 41 in Hauck et al. will cause the resetting of the operating system. So Hauk can not reset an application without resetting the operating system as now claimed. The cited Mizoguchi et al. reference also fails to teach or suggest the added claim limitations. In Mizoguchi et al., there is no teaching of such a user configurable reset service located in a user mode as now claimed. Given the above, it is believed independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-6 which add further limitations are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

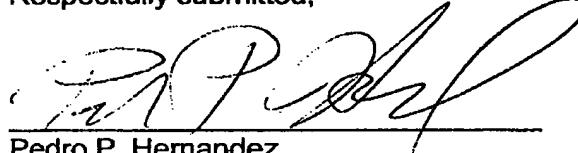
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Independent claims 7, 14 and 21 have been amended in similar fashion, and as such, are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 7-24 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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